

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/20/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Detailed Action

Drawings

The Examiner accepts the drawings filed on February 28, 2007.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jeffrey Mann on October 25, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

19.) The method of claim 27, wherein the method of electronically presenting a dealer axe to one or more selected customers, the method comprising:
initiating an axe generation module;
inputting axe details into an interface provided by the axe generation module;
generating an electronic axe trade ticket wherein the axe trade ticket is actionable by the customers for a quantity up to a total axe quantity or only for the total axe quantity;
transmitting the electronic axe trade ticket to the one or more selected customers;
receiving an indication from at least one of the selected customers that the axe details in the electronic axe are acceptable.

25.) The method of claim 27, wherein the method for incorporating a settlement instruction set from an account information record into a trade record storing details of a trade, the method comprising:
detecting a first indicia of the trade; and
accessing the appropriate account information record and determining the appropriate settlement instruction set using the first indicia.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-32 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention generally discloses electronic trading methods and systems that provide straight-through processing of various financial instruments. The prior arts of record include the teaching of Gianakouros et al. (US 2002/0055901) and Cristofich et al. (US 6,173,270). Gianakouros teaches electronic negotiation and execution of block-size trades in financial instruments on behalf of institutional investors wherein anonymous negotiation and execution of equity block trades for institutional investors based on trading information entered into the system by one or more broker participants who serve as intermediaries for any resulting transactions. On the other hand, Cristofich teaches system seeks the remaining defining parameters for that participant for storage within the addressable database record. However, the prior arts of record fail to teach, singly or in combination a system for effecting straight-through-processing of trades executed between a customer and a dealer, the system comprising: a trade execution

system including one or more computer systems capable of generating a trade order and executing a block trade between the customer and the dealer based on the trade order wherein the trade order includes a pre-allocation of customer accounts, the trade execution system in communication with one or more customer computer systems and dealer computer systems having software operable thereon for permitting communication of trading data through the trade execution system; an account database for storing one or more account information records that are accessible by the trade execution system, the account information records being associated with one or more settlement instruction sets; and enrich the allocated trade records by incorporating one of the settlement instruction sets into each of the allocated trade records.

The examiner has withdrawn the rejection under 35 USC 103 by Gianakouros and Cristofich. The prior arts of records taken singly or in combination fail to teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, the examiner favors the allowance of claims 1-32.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

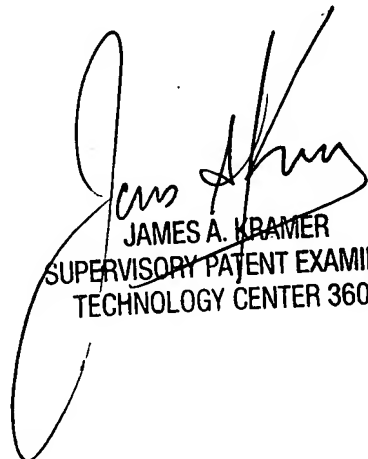
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Thao Havan whose telephone number is (571) 272-8111. The examiner can normally be reached during her flextime schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Kramer can be reached on (571) 272-6783. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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